



## AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 14

11:00 a.m.

Registration and Buffet Lunch Open

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12:20 p.m.

**Welcome:** Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

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12:30 p.m.

Break

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12:45 p.m.

### **General Session—Main Ballroom**

#### **Airports as Economic Engines: Driving Growth in San Bernardino County**

Leaders from Ontario International Airport and San Bernardino International Airport join County Economic Development to discuss how aviation infrastructure is shaping the region's economic future. The conversation will highlight the role of airports in supporting the movement of goods, job creation, investment attraction, and tourism. Panelists will also share perspectives on future expansion, regional connectivity, and long-term competitiveness.

**Moderator:** Derek Armstrong, Deputy Executive Officer, San Bernardino County

#### **Panelists:**

**Atif Elkadi**, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario International Airport

**Mike Burrows**, Chief Executive Officer, San Bernardino International Airport



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1:45 p.m.

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### Session 1A—Main Ballroom

#### AI In Government

This session highlights how government agencies are adopting artificial intelligence to improve service delivery across sectors such as public safety, planning, permitting, and municipal operations. Speakers will share real world examples of AI tools in use today, along with emerging agency policies that guide responsible and ethical implementation. The session also provides an overview of new state and federal legislation shaping public sector AI, offering attendees local consideration of how evolving technologies - and the rules governing them - are reshaping the future of government operations.

**Moderator:** **Ray Ebert**, *Deputy City Manager*, City of Fontana

#### Panelists:

**Dan Munsey**, *Fire Chief/Fire Warden*, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

**Darryl Polk**, *Director of Education*, Public Technology Institute

### Session 1B—Lakeview Terrace

#### Opportunity Zones 2.0

Explore the evolving Opportunity Zone program — originally established under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to drive private investment into distressed communities through Qualified Opportunity Funds and powerful tax incentives. Learn how the program is transitioning from OZ 1.0 to a long-term OZ 2.0 framework with new designation cycles, updated eligibility criteria, and enhanced incentives. GoBiz will explain how their office is evaluating census tracts, outline the nomination process and timelines for communities to propose tracts for designation, and highlight key policy changes that affect local economic development strategy and investor engagement.

**Moderator:** **Derek Armstrong**, *Deputy Executive Officer*, San Bernardino County

#### Panelists:

**Brian Coleman**, *Project Financing Manager*, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

**Melissa Howlett**, *Regional Business Development Manager*, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

3:00 p.m.

BREAK



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3:15 p.m.

### Session 2A—Main Ballroom

#### **Preparing the Next Generation of the County's Workforce**

This workshop will highlight innovative and replicable efforts that are helping to prepare our youth and at-risk populations for in-demand career opportunities in San Bernardino County. Attendees will benefit from lessons learned and walk away with tangible ideas that can be incorporated into any organization looking to increase the skills and qualifications of its future workforce.

**Moderator:** **Brad Gates**, *Workforce Development Director*, San Bernardino County

**Panelists:**

**Leo Gonzales**, *Human Resources Director*, San Bernardino County

**Chelsea Ramirez**, *Workforce Development Coordinator*, San Bernardino City Unified School District

**Renay Sehgal Mehta**, *Vice President*, Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce

### Session 2B—Lakeview Terrace

#### **San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust**

As the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust launches, the region has a unique opportunity to design a model that integrates transportation investment, land use planning, and housing production from the outset. This panel will draw from proven approaches across California to explore how regions have successfully aligned these systems—and how San Bernardino can position itself to compete for and deploy future state and federal funding.

**Moderator:**

**Monique Reza-Arellano**, *Director*, San Bernardino Council of Governments

**Panelists:**

**Bill Higgins**, *Executive Director*, California Association of Councils of Governments

**Chris Gray**, *Interim Executive Director*, Western Riverside Council of Governments

4:30 p.m.

### General Session—Main Ballroom

#### **Building the Future: Delivering Housing at Scale in San Bernardino County**

Senior representatives from The Lewis Group of Companies and Lennar Corporation discuss issues related to the development of market rate housing across our county - such as market realities, policy challenges, and other obstacles, as well as strategies to address them and accelerate production.

**Moderator:** **Greg Devereaux**, *Retired, Managing Partner*, Worthington Partners

**Panelists:**

**Randall Lewis**, *Executive Vice President*, Lewis Group of Companies

**Mark Torres**, *Division President*, Lennar - Inland Empire Division



# CITY COUNTY

## 2026 CONFERENCE

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#### THURSDAY, MAY 14

5:30 p.m.

#### Networking Reception and Dinner - Lakeside Lawn (outside)

Dinner Buffet

Music

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

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8:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks - Main Ballroom

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9:00 a.m.

#### Legislative Roundtable—Main Ballroom

**Chad Mayes**, *Partner*, Capitol Advocacy and California State Assembly *Retired*

**Bill Higgins**, *Executive Director*, California Association of Councils of Governments

**Jason Rhine**, *Senior Director*, Legislative Affairs, League of California Cities

**Nicole Wordleman**, *Legislative Advocate*, Precision Advocacy Group LLC

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10:00 a.m.

#### Economic Update—Main Ballroom

**Chris Thornberg**, *Founding Partner*, Beacon Economics LLC

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11:00 a.m.

**CLOSE/END CONFERENCE**